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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. Copies of the cited references are enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents, and evidence that consideration of relevant portions thereof by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

It is believed that these references either taken alone or in combination with others does not disclose or suggest the invention claimed by the Applicant. However, it is the Applicant's desire to have these references available in the record for both the Examiner and the public to see. The Applicant specifically reserves all rights of privilege and confidence with respect to this matter and submission of this document is not to be construed as a waiver of those rights. Moreover, submission of this document should not be considered an admission that the references cited herein is proper prior art to the aforementioned application.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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